in March'91. The transmitter has since been commissioned on its full radiating power of 10 KW with effect from 30th Aug'91 and is providing satisfactory service to the whole of Palamu district including Garwa Nagar, Bhavnathpur, Latehar, Chandra, Balumath, Japla and Hussainabad.

Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh

4068. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sub post offices and the branch post offices in Madhya Pradesh at present separately;

(b) whether any request has been received for opening new post offices in the State particularly in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the total number of post offices, sub post offices and branch post offices likely to be opened during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Total number of post offices as on 31.12.91 in Madhya Pradesh is 10968. Category-wise break-up is as under:-

Head Post Offices	—	52
Departmental Sub Post Offices	—	1335
Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices	—	98
Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices	—	9483

(b) and (c). Yes Sir, during the year 1991-92 so far 94 extra departmental branch post offices have been sanctioned for opening in Madhya Pradesh. While it is proposed to open post offices in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1992-93, it is not feasible to indicate at this stage the number of post offices likely to be opened during that year as the targets for that year in this respect have not been finalised.

Post and Telephone Facilities to Panchayats in Rajasthan

4069. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayat headquarters provided with telephone facilities and post offices district-wise in Rajasthan during the last six months;

(b) the number of Panchayat headquarters to be provided with telephone and postal facilities during 1992-93;

(c) whether the Government have appointed special staff to ensure proper care and functioning of the telephones provided to the Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 1094 and 112 respectively (during the period 1.9.91 to 29.2.92). District-wise details of post offices is given in attached statement. District-wise details of Panchayat headquarters provided with telephone facility is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) Plan for 1992-93 are being finalised.

(c) and (d). Detailed guidelines as well as instructions have been issued for checking & monitoring service performance of telephones provided in Panchayat villages by the concerned maintenance staff.

STATEMENT

Detail of Panchayat Headquarters in Rajasthan provided with Post Offices between 1.9.91 and 29.2.92.

Sl. No.	*Name of the District*	*No. of post offices opened*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Alwar	11
2.	Bharatpur	1
3.	Dausa	8
4	Jaipur	8
5.	Ajmer	2
6.	Banswara	1
7.	Bundi	1
8.	Chittorgarh	1
9.	Tonk	1
10.	Udaipur	5
11.	Baran	2
12.	Nagaur	6
13.	Jodhpur	9
14.	Barmer	9
15.	Bikaner	7
16.	Jhunjhunu	5
17.	Pali	11

Sl. No.	*Name of the District*	*No. of post offices opened*
1	*2*	*3*
18.	Sikar	1
19.	Sriganganagar	23
		112

Power Generation in Tribal Dominated and Hilly Areas

4070. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are laying special emphasis on power generation in tribal dominated and hilly areas (Jharkahand region) of Bihar, that could be increasing the power generation according to requirement; and

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the action taken so far since 1989 with regard to the development of thermal power stations and development of other non-conventional energy Sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The power supply to various areas in State of Bihar falls under the distribution system of the State and is the prerogative of State Government/SEB. State is provided its due share from Eastern Region as sell as assistance from Northern Region as a special case. Various other measures being taken to increase the availability of power in Bihar include maximising generation from existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation etc.

(b) DVC has set up two thermal power stations in Bihar since 1989. DVC Maithon Gas Turbine of 9-0 MW capacity was commissioned in March, 1989 and Bokaro B unit 2 of 210 MW was commissioned in November, 1990.

[*English*]

U.K. Refuse to Finance Rihand II Power Project

4071. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that U.K. Government's decision to go back on its commitment to finance Rihand II Power Project has put it in jeopardy; and